



# 2008 AUGUST CALENDAR

## J.A. SKINNER STATE PARK

**Park Interpreter: Krista Thompson**

**Park Phone Number: (413) 586-0350**

All programs are free and open to the public. The weekend parking fee is \$2.00 per vehicle.

Reasonable accommodations available upon request. For more information please call the park.

| Sunday   | Monday    | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|  |           |           |  |  | <b>1</b><br>Junior Ranger<br>Trail Discovery<br>10am-12pm  | <b>2</b><br>-Summit House<br>Open 10-5<br>Slideshow/Tour<br>11am + 3pm<br>-Birding by Ear<br>8am-10am |
| <b>3</b><br>Summit House<br>Open 10-5<br>Slideshow/Tour<br>11am + 3pm  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>Kidleidoscope<br>Kids 10-11am<br>Women's<br>Fitness Hike<br>2-4pm  | <b>7</b><br>Women's<br>Fitness Hike<br>9-11am  | <b>8</b><br>Junior Ranger<br>Trail Discovery<br>10am-12pm  | <b>9</b><br>Summit House<br>Open 10-5<br>Slideshow/Tour<br>11am + 3pm                                 |
| <b>10</b><br>Summit House<br>Open 10-5<br>Slideshow/Tour<br>11am + 3pm | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br>Kidleidoscope<br>Kids 10-11am<br>Women's<br>Fitness Hike<br>2-4pm | <b>14</b><br>Women's<br>Fitness Hike<br>9-11am<br>Sunsets at the<br>Summit House<br>through Geologic<br>Time<br>6:00pm | <b>15</b><br>Junior Ranger<br>Trail Discovery<br>10am-12pm | <b>16</b><br>Summit House<br>Open 10-5<br>Slideshow/Tour<br>11am + 3pm                                |
| <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br>Kidleidoscope<br>Kids 10-11am<br>Women's<br>Fitness Hike<br>2-4pm | <b>21</b><br>Women's<br>Fitness Hike<br>9-11am   | <b>22</b><br>Junior Ranger<br>Trail Discovery<br>10am-12pm | <b>23</b><br>-Summit House<br>Open 10-5<br>Slideshow/Tour<br>11am + 3pm<br>-The Night Sky<br>8:00pm   |
| <b>24</b><br>Summit House<br>Open 10-5<br>Slideshow/Tour<br>11am + 3pm | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>Kidleidoscope<br>Kids 10-11am<br>Women's Fitness<br>Hike 2-4pm    | <b>28</b><br>Women's<br>Fitness Hike<br>9-11am   | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>Summit House<br>Open 10-5<br>Slideshow/Tour<br>11am + 3pm                                |



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| <b>31</b><br>Summit House<br>Open 10-5<br>Slideshow/Tour<br>11am + 3pm |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

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| Summit House Slideshow and Tour | Visit the historic mountain house and find out why it was so popular among Victorian-era artists and tourists. <b>Open on weekends and holidays from 10am to 5pm.</b> Slideshows and tours on the history of the Summit House at <b>11am and 3pm.</b> Free with entrance fee of \$2 per car.  |
| Kidleidoscope Kids              | A program offered for children ages 3-6. Different topics will be covered each week with a craft, activity and story. Parents or caretaker must accompany children. Meet at the Summit House  |
| Women's Fitness Hike            | This program is scheduled every Wednesday through mid-October. This weekly hiking group is for women looking for a way to exercise while being able to enjoy the outdoors and make new friends. Bring bug repellent, sun block and plenty of water. Meet at Halfway area parking lot.   |
| Junior Ranger                   | Program is free for children ages 9 to 12. Come and explore our trails, meet new friends and learn what nature has to offer. You will earn Junior Ranger status by attending 3 out of 4 sessions. Meet at the Halfway Barn parking area. Bring a backpack, bug spray, sun block, plenty of water and remember to wear comfortable shoes.  |
| The Night Sky                   | Join us at the Summit House for a FREE program for all ages! We will be observing our night sky through the use of binoculars, telescopes and field guides. The Amherst Astronomy Association will be co-sponsoring this event and will be available for help in identifying different objects. Bring a picnic dinner while we wait for the sun to set. Pre-registration is required. |

## SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

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| Sunsets at the Summit House through Geologic Time | Professor Richard Little will be presenting a program on the geologic history of the Connecticut River Valley. He will also bring samples of rare Jurassic armored mud balls he has found in the Valley. |
| Birding by Ear                                    | Join Naturalist John Green for a bird walk learning to identify birds that inhabit the Mount Holyoke Range by ear.   |



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